

GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 2003 AGENDA
Item No. W-1

TITLE: Request by Mountain View Elementary School District for a renewal to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 37202, equity length of time requirement to allow a full day kindergarten program at Twin Lakes Elementary and Parkview Elementary Schools .	<table><tr><td><u> X </u></td><td>ACTION</td></tr><tr><td><u> </u></td><td>INFORMATION</td></tr><tr><td><u> </u></td><td>PUBLIC HEARING</td></tr><tr><td><u> </u></td><td>CONSENT</td></tr></table>	<u> X </u>	ACTION	<u> </u>	INFORMATION	<u> </u>	PUBLIC HEARING	<u> </u>	CONSENT
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RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends approval of this waiver for one year and EC 33051(c) will apply.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

The State Board of Education has approved similar waivers in the past.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

The **Mountain View Elementary School District** instituted a full-day kindergarten program at two of their ten elementary schools, **Twin Lakes Elementary and Parkview Elementary**, as a pilot program for increasing the kindergarten instructional time by thirty minutes a day. The district decided to increase the time in these two schools in an effort to improve academic performance at the kindergarten level. The other schools in the district were asked if they wanted to increase their schedules and become part of the pilot program but none of the other schools in the district are ready to do so.

The first waiver was approved in December of 2002 for one year, February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004. And an evaluation of the program was conducted. Surveys taken of the teachers, parents and students involved all concur that the program is effective. The waiver to increase the kindergarten minutes at Twin Lakes and Parkview went into effect on February 3rd and the pupils were tested on April 28th. Since the implementation period of the waiver has been so short, the results are modest but very encouraging. Usually the pupils at the district are tested during the first three weeks of school but because of the waiver condition, testing was done earlier, meaning that there was only 53 days between implementation of the extended program until the students were tested in order to meet the requirements of the waiver to get a renewal. So the gains shown by the testing can be considered significant given the short duration to implement the increased instructional time.

Therefore, the department recommends approval of this waiver for one additional year and that EC 33051(c) will apply.

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: 03/25/03 and 04/09/03

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

☐ Neutral

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: Entire Negotiating Team, Susan Bogdanow,
MVTA Bargaining Chair

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

☐ posting in a newspaper ☒ posting at each school ☐ other (specify)

Public hearing held on: May 01, 2003

Local board approval date: May 01, 2003

Advisory committee(s) consulted: All School Site Councils

Objections raised (choose one): ☒ None ☐ Objections are attached on
separate sheet

Date consulted: April 1 through May 9, 2003

Effective dates of request: 02/01/04 – 01/31/05

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):

No impact.

Background Information:

Waiver request forms and supporting documents are attached to this summary.